

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Jo Ann Sanders*

**Sunrise: July 15, 1954 - Sunset: January 18, 2022**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022 - 10AM**

**Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church**

**2365 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10027**

# *Obituary*

**JoAnn Sanders** was born on July 15, 1954, in New York City, to her loving parents, the late James and Elizabeth Sanders. JoAnn was the oldest of four children, Ronald (Uncle Larry) Sanders, Mark (Uncle Chipper) Sanders and Robin Louise (Auntie Robin) Sanders. On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, God called JoAnn from labor to eternal rest, where she will receive her reward.

JoAnn was educated in the New York City Public School System and was a proud graduate of Brandeis High School. JoAnn's scholarly nature and desire for knowledge led her to pursue her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at John Jay College. JoAnn was employed at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and later worked at Columbia University. JoAnn left her employment to serve her country as a soldier in the United States Army. She retired from the Army when she became disabled.

JoAnn was a lifelong member of the Shiloh Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Leslie Wainwright and continued under the pastorate of Calvin G. Sampson. She was an active member in Sunday School, she sang on the Youth Choir and Inspirational Chorus, participated in Sunrise Praying Band, worked the Soup Kitchen and was a member of Seasoned Citizens. But her passion was being a member of the Hospitality Ministry. She enjoyed welcoming people into the sanctuary and serving the official ministry on their special days.

JoAnn loved to travel, play Scrabble, have conversations about politics especially with her nephew Hayward and enjoyed spending time with young people. She loved supporting youth in furthering their education. She loved going to various restaurants in the city. She loved spending time with her family. Her late brother, Larry Sanders, was her ride or die. She travelled to Texas yearly to check on her granddaughter, Manii Girl. She would go on family trips with her older granddaughter, Big Nae. Nothing gave her more pride than taking and picking up her granddaughter, MooMoo to and from school.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Larry Sanders, and her sister, Robin Sanders. JoAnn leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Cai Wiggins; her son, Jason Bolt; her granddaughters, Da'Nasia Miller (Big Nae), Armanii Bolt (Manii Girl), Kennedy Bolt (Ken-Ken), Tia Maire Dean Mack (MooMoo); brother, Mark Sanders; nephews, Jonathan James Sanders and Hayward Shine, sisters-in-law, Johnetta Marie Kelly and Donna Sanders; godchildren, Kimara Jennings, Quanni Brown Anderson, and Shawn Pickney; friend for life, Sabrina T. Shine (Sis); sisters in faith, Wendy Shine (Baby Sis) and Stacey Thomas (sister from another mother), Adrienne Person and Paulette Owens (baby girl cousin); brothers in faith, Cleave Epps and Bruce Shine; and host of family and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional .....	Pastor, Officials, & Family
Hymn .....	“Blessed Assurance”
Scripture Readings.....	Bruce Shine
Old Testament – Psalm 27:1	
New Testament – 2 Timothy 4:6-8	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Deaconess Shirley Betts Hammer
Selection.....	Brother Cleave Epps “Farther Along”
Reflections.....	(2 Minutes)
Remarks.....	Deacon Rush
Resolutions from the Church	
Obituary .....	Read Silently
Selection.....	Organist “I Won’t Complain”
Eulogy	
Benediction	
Committal	

**INTERMENT:**  
Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

# Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.  
-author unknown

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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